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Applicants : Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1724  
Application No.: 09/674,167 Examiner: Cintins, I.  
Filed : December 28, 2000  
Title : CHELATE-FORMING FILTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF PURIFYING LIQUID USING  
THE FILTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment and a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent. Since the Federal agencies in the Washington, DC, area were closed on September 18, 2003 and September 19, 2003 as can be seen from the attached papers, applicants believe that this is a timely response within the shortened statutory period and that no extension of time fees are required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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